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SUBJECT: NOMINATION OF MINING AND POWER MINISTER, JAN KULP-
INSKI, FOR FY-76 IVP GRANT

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1. ON JANUARY 21, THE AMBASSADOR DELIVERED TO
MINISTER KULPINSKI AN INVITATION TO VISIT THE
U.S. UNDER IVP AUSPICES. KULPINSKI SAID THAT HE WOULD HAVE
TO CLEAR THE VISIT WITH HIS SUPERIORS. HOWEVER, THE FOLLOWING
DISCUSSION WAS POSITIVE AND IT
APPEARS THAT CLEARANCE WILL BE ONLY A FORMALITY.

2. KULPINSKI SAID THAT HIS SCHEDULE FOR THE FIRST HALF OF
1976 WAS ALREADY RATHER FULL AND HE BELIEVED THAT THE BEST
TIME FOR THE U.S. VISIT WOULD BE IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER 1976.
THE VISIT SHOULD BE NO LONGER THAN TWO WEEKS.

3. REGARDING HIS ITINERARY, KULPINSKI NOTED THAT HE HAD
ALREADY VISITED MINES IN PITTSBURGH, OHIO, WEST VIRGINIA,
AND UTAH, AND DID NOT WISH TO REPEAT THESE VISITS. THE
MINISTER APPEARED PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN COAL-GASIFI-
CATION PLANTS AND RESEARCH INSTALLATIONS, BOTH ABOVE-GROUND
AND UNDERGROUND. FYI: THE MINISTRY OF MINING AND POWER
IS NEGOTIATING WITH KRUPP-KOPPERS FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION OF TWO LARGE GASIFICATION PLANTS IN POLAND.
END FYI. KULPINSKI SAID THAT HE WOULD PROVIDE THE EMBASSY
WITH SUGGESTIONS FOR HIS ITINERARY AND THE DATES HE WILL BE
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ABLE TO TRAVEL, AT LEAST SIX WEEKS IN ADVANCE OF HIS PROPOSED

DEPARTURE.

4. THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS AND GUIDANCE ON A POSSIBLE ITINERARY FOR KULPINSKI. WE WOULD PARTICULARLY BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING WHETHER A VISIT TO THE KOPPERS CORPORATION OF PITTSBURGH, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND IS ASSOCIATED WITH KRUPP-KOPPERS, WOULD BE USEFUL. A POLISH DELEGATION HEADED BY VICE MINISTER STRANZ VISITED AN UNDERGROUND COAL GASIFICATION RESEARCH INSTALLATION IN WYOMING IN MARCH 1975. WE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON HOW THIS PROJECT IS PROCEEDING AND WHETHER IT ALSO SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE ITINERARY. THE EMBASSY NOTES THAT U.S. COAL-RESEARCH DELEGATION WILL BE VISITING POLAND FEBRUARY 8-12, AND ANTICIPATES THAT FURTHER SUGGESTIONS ON THE KULPINSKI ITINERARY WILL BE DEVELOPED DURING THIS VISIT.

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